

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain was held at 194, Queen's Gate, on April 9th, 1938.

Miss Cochrane, the President, was in the Chair, and a large number of members were present.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and arising out of the minutes was a letter received from the Eton Joint Hospital Board, regarding the salaries of Matrons. It was decided to send a recommendation and also to advise them to approach other associations in regard to local conditions.

A letter from the National Council of Women was received, stating that the Annual Meeting and Conference were to be held in London from October 14th to October 16th, and Miss Villiers, J.P., was appointed to attend as representative. A sub-committee was appointed consisting of the President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary to select the resolutions to be sent up to the Conference. Miss Lord gave a report of her attendances at the meetings of the National Council of Women, and much discussion took place.

A letter from Miss Edith Mawe was received, apologising for absence owing to the result of a motor accident, and it was decided to send Miss Mawe, who has been a member since 1901, a letter of sympathy.

The appointment of Honorary Officers was as follows:—

President : Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C.

Vice-Presidents : Miss M. Allbutt, F. M. Campbell and M. L. Muriel.

Treasurer : Miss Villiers, J.P.

Secretary : Miss du Sautoy.

Miss Keys Wells resigned the office of Secretary, owing to the increased demands on her time in her own hospital, and the resignation was received with much regret, a vote of thanks being unanimously passed for the excellent work she had done during her term in office.

The Annual Report was read and adopted, and all present heard with the greatest regret that Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had resigned as Hon. President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, which she had initiated, and which through her international affiliations she had done so much towards its success.

Interesting discussions took place on the new Test Examination on General Knowledge and on the subject of the Split Preliminary examination, and then tea was served.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The Annual Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held at Colindale Hospital, Hendon, N.W.9, by the invitation of the President, Miss W. P. Solomon, R.R.C., and kind permission of the Medical Officer of Health for the London County Council, on Saturday, May 7th, 1938, at which the Medical Superintendent, Lionel E. Houghton, Esq., M.D., addressed the meeting on the "Latest Treatment of Tuberculosis," which, by his courtesy, will be published in our next issue.

THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association Annual Meeting will be held at the South-Eastern Hospital, New Cross, London, S.E.14, on May 14th, at 2.30 p.m., by invitation of the Matron, Miss F. M. Campbell.

It is hoped there will be a representative meeting, as matters of importance in relation to nursing organisation will be discussed.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League will be held in the Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, July 2nd, at 3 p.m., when the usual business will be transacted.

After the business, meeting will adjourn for tea and an American sale in the Great Hall.

The proceeds of this sale will be given to augment the capital of the "Isla Stewart Memorial Fund" to enable further grants for post-graduate study, scholarships, etc., to be made.

BRING A GIFT OR BUY A GIFT

To make this effort a great success any kind of gift will be welcome: garden produce, jams, cakes, needlework, etc.

Donors are asked to bring gifts ready priced, and to come prepared to buy. Donations from those unable to be present will be gratefully received in kind or cash. All communications should be addressed to the Hon. Gen. Secretary, Miss Baines, at the Hospital. We feel sure League members will give liberally and buy generously in such a good cause.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the Nurses' Missionary League is being held as we go to press in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, and from the programme before us, we note the subjects to be discussed are of the usual high and devotional order. "The Changing Womanhood of India," "India Calling" and "The Needs of African Women," "In China To-day," "Leper Work in Kumi," "The N.M.L. at Work," are all to be presented by very able speakers. The Afternoon Conversation is always an occasion for the kindest greetings.

HOLIDAY CAMP. JUNE 16TH-30TH.

Nurses are cordially invited to attend the camp at Woolacombe on the North Devon coast. The secretaries in issuing the invitation state: "We want all who come to have a thoroughly jolly, enjoyable holiday; bathing will be a great feature of each day's programme as the sands are perfect and picnics and excursions will be arranged. In addition we hope to have morning prayers and occasional Bible discussion groups and to get to know more about life overseas from members who have been in the mission field."

Camp is arranged to provide a really happy holiday for members of the nursing profession, where by means of pleasant surroundings, friendships, recreation, and rest they may be built up physically and spiritually for future work.

Woolacombe is famous for its stretch of beautiful sand. A large proportion of members will be housed in the Atlantic Hotel, which stands on the hillside with a splendid view over the sea, and the rest will sleep in the neighbouring houses. The beauty spots close by include such places as Exmoor, Lynmouth, Clovelly, Ilfracombe, Lee Bay and Doone Valley. Rooms with full board and baths cost from £2 2s. to £3 per week.

It will greatly help arrangements if those who hope to come will register as soon as possible. For further particulars apply to Miss Richardson, 3, St. Augustin's Mansions, Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, S.W.1.

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